

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

JAMES M. HOWELL, ET AL.

CASE NO.: CH2756 DIV

APPLICATION NO.: 09/795,933

GROUP ART UNIT: 1774

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EXAMINER: EDWARDS (PARENT)

FOR: PARTIALLY ORIENTED
POLY(TRIMETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE)
YARN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the current title with -- PROCESSES OF PREPARING PARTIALLY ORIENTED AND DRAW TEXTURED POLY(TRIMETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE) YARNS --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended.) A process for continuous draw-texturing a partially oriented yarn made from a polymer substantially comprising poly(trimethylene terephthalate), comprising the steps of:

(a) heating the yarn by passing it through a heater set to a temperature between about 160°C and 200°C;

(b) twisting the yarn using a twist insertion device such that in a region between the twist insertion device and up to and including the heater, the yarn has a twist angle of about 46 degrees to about 52 degrees; and

(c) winding the yarn on a winder.

Please add the following claims:

21. (New) The process of claim 3 wherein the yarn is drawn between a first feed roll located prior to the twist isolation device and a second feed roll located after the twist insertion device.

22. (New) The process of claim 3 wherein the continuous draw-texturing comprises a friction false twist process sequentially comprising (1) threading the yarn through a twist stop,